The Crescent Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity to become actively involved in the leadership of The Crescent Primary School by joining our Governing Body as a Parent Governor.

Our governors are a dedicated team of volunteers from the local community, many of whom are parents of children at the school. Together, they play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

We believe that strong partnerships with parents are key to a successful school. One of the most impactful ways you can contribute is by volunteering to become a Parent Governor.

What Do School Governors Do?

The Governing Body has three core strategic responsibilities:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring resources are used effectively

Governors work as a team to support and challenge the school leadership. They focus on long-term improvement and accountability, rather than day-to-day operations.

The Role in Detail

As a parent governor, you will:

- Support the school's vision and values
- Ask challenging questions to help maintain high standards
- Be involved in the recruitment of the Headteacher
- Review budgets and policies
- Visit the school to gain insight into its culture and needs
- Attend meetings and training sessions
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Governors also act as a bridge between the school and the wider community, offering an independent perspective and helping to shape the school's future.

Time Commitment

Governance is a flexible but meaningful commitment. On average, governors spend **20 to 30 hours per term**, mostly during evenings. This includes:

- Preparing for and attending meetings
- Visiting the school
- Participating in panels or special projects

Skills and Qualities Needed

You don't need to be an expert in education. What matters most is your commitment and willingness to learn. Helpful qualities include:

- An interest in children's education and wellbeing
- Ability to read, question, and analyse information
- Good communication and teamwork skills
- Time to dedicate to the role

Support Available

Hampshire County Council offers a comprehensive support package for new governors, including:

- A structured induction programme
- Free training courses
- Ongoing advice from the Governor Services team
- Access to online resources, newsletters, and helplines

You'll be guided through key areas such as safeguarding, finance, and school improvement to help you feel confident in your role.

Further Information

To learn more about becoming a governor, visit the Hampshire website:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors

Alternatively, please contact the Clerk to the Governors at adminoffice@crescent.hants.sch.uk who will be happy to arrange a conversation with one of our current governors.

How to Apply

If you're interested in applying, please contact adminoffice@crescent.hants.sch.uk for an application form. Completed forms must be returned by **12.00 noon on 16 November 2026**.

Please note that all governor appointments are subject to a DBS check for the protection of children.

If we receive more applications than vacancies, an election will be held.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wartnaby
Headteacher

Robert Weyman
Chair of Governors